

..... WISCONSIN DENTIST WORKFORCE DATA .....

This publication presents summary information for Wisconsin from the 2001 Dentist Workforce Survey. Wisconsin had 4,563 licensed dentists in 2001, of whom 4,301 (94%) responded to the survey. The data in this publication are self-reports, not verified with other sources of data. The General Information section includes data on *all reporting* Wisconsin-licensed dentists. The remaining sections present information for the 2,842 dentists practicing in Wisconsin.

GENERAL INFORMATION

	Number	%
• Wisconsin licensed dentists*	4,563	--
• Reporting Wisconsin-licensed dentists	4,301	100%
• Year degree granted		
1990-2001	412	10%
1980-1989	762	18
1970-1979	943	22
1960-1969	480	11
Prior to 1960	232	5
• Location of degree granting institution		
U.S.	4,230	
Wisconsin	2,674	62%
Other states	1,556	36
Outside U.S.	28	
• Practicing dentistry in Wisconsin**	2,842	66%

SELECTED SPECIALTIES

	Number	%
• General practice (no specialty)	2,272	80%
• Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics	152	5
• Oral and maxillofacial surgery	122	4
• Pediatric dentistry	71	2
• Endodontics	59	2
• Periodontics	53	2
• Prosthodontics	47	2
• Dental public health	10	0.3
• Oral and maxillofacial pathology	4	0.1

\* Obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.  
\*\* The percentages in the remaining sections are derived from the 2,842 dentists practicing in Wisconsin.

PATIENT-RELATED INFORMATION

	Number	%
• Accept new patients	2,616	92%
• Accept new Medicaid/BadgerCare patients	539	19%
• Serve Medicaid/BadgerCare patients	1,143	40%
• Provide any pro-bono <sup>†</sup> care:	1,269	45%
To children and adults	978	34
To children only	159	5
To adults only	132	5
• Have a sliding fee scale for patients based on income or ability to pay	432	15%
• Participate in the Wisconsin Donated Dental Services program	566	20%
• Volunteer services at a clinic serving uninsured or under-insured patients	436	15%

PRIMARY PRACTICE SETTINGS

	Number	%
• Individual proprietor (i.e., only owner)	1,308	46%
• Group practice	672	24
• Government	39	1
• Shareholder in an incorporated dental practice	223	8
• Primary Practice Size: Number of Dentists		
1	1,313	46%
2-4	826	29
5-9	134	5
10+	116	4

DENTAL HYGIENIST INFORMATION

	Number	%
• Dentists using dental hygienist(s) for:		
Patient care (prophylaxis, etc.)	1,995	70%
Patient education/counseling	1,958	69
Patient education program development	1,058	37
Delegated administration of anesthesia	760	27
Surgical assistance	75	3
Case management	561	20
Community education	914	32

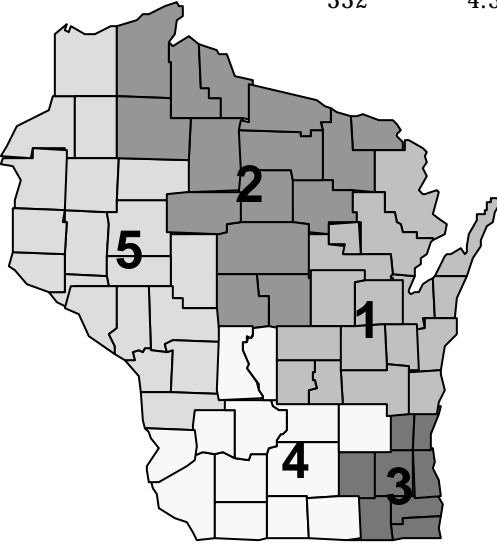
<sup>†</sup> Services provided without compensation for the public good.

PLANNED CHANGES IN PRACTICE

	Number	%
• Dentists planning within the next year to:		
Move practice to another location in Wisconsin	65	2%
Reduce patient hours	199	7
• Dentists planning to retire or leave practice in Wisconsin in the next:		
Year	51	2%
Two to five years (2003-2006)	356	13
Six to 10 years (2007-2011)	567	20

DENTISTS BY REGION<sup>‡</sup>

	Total	Rate per 10,000 population
(1) Northeastern	604	5.0
(2) Northern	247	5.1
(3) Southeastern	1,165	5.6
(4) Southern	427	4.2
(5) Western	332	4.3



<sup>‡</sup> Regions are shaded by rate per 10,000 population, with the darkest shade representing the highest rate and the lightest shade representing the lowest rate.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The data source for these tables is the 2001 Dentist Workforce Survey. The 2001 Dentist Workforce Survey was conducted by the Wisconsin Division of Health Care Financing, Bureau of Health Information, in cooperation with Wisconsin-licensed dentists. Completion of the 2001 Dentist Workforce survey was required for all Wisconsin-licensed dentists, pursuant to Chapter 153, Wis. Stats.

The survey instrument was developed from previous dental surveys and comments from a variety of sources, including the Wisconsin Division of Health Care Financing, the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, the Wisconsin Dental Association, the Southwest Wisconsin Area Health Education Center, the Wisconsin Primary Care Association, the Madison Area Technical College Health Occupations Program, and the Marquette Dental School. Dentist mailing addresses and other licensing data were obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.

The surveys were mailed on March 23, 2001 and were due April 23, 2001. Dentists who did not return initial surveys were sent follow-up mailings in May. The final response rate was 94 percent, with 4,301 of 4,563 licensed dentists returning the survey.

### Additional Information

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Dentist workforce data and other health statistics are also available on the DHFS Web site:  
<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/stats/index.htm>

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